

REMARKS

This application is being filed concurrently with entry into the National Stage (Chapter I) of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/003418 which claims the priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0319171.5.


This Preliminary Amendment was considered when calculating the filing fee. Accordingly, the total number of claims specified on the Transmittal Letter is 23 and the number of independent claims is 2.

The Specification has been amended to place the application in proper U.S. format. Headings have been added to each section and text from the section that is now labeled Brief Summary of the Invention has been moved mostly to the now labeled Detailed Description section. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-16 remain in the application and claims 17-23 are new. Claims 1-16 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies in these claims and to place the claims in proper U.S. format. Support for new claims 17-23 is found in original claims 1-16 and in the specification as filed. No new matter has been introduced.

It is not believed at this time that any additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any additional fee required by this submission.

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